

## Letter From the Director

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) established the Office of Legacy Management (LM) on December 15, 2003, to provide a long-term, sustainable solution to the legacy of the Cold War. LM is responsible for managing activities at sites where DOE's mission and active environmental cleanup has been completed. This document captures some of the results from LM's efforts over the last five years. The following items highlight the depth and breadth of those accomplishments:



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- Environmental remedies at all LM sites remain protective of human health and the environment. LM is responsible for 82 sites that were formerly part of the nation's nuclear weapons production effort; site responsibility spans 28 states and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and ranges from the Aleutian Islands to Puerto Rico. The sites include wildlife refuges and nature preserves as well as those that support light industrial activity.
- In February 2007, LM was designated as the second high performing organization in the Federal Government by the Office of Management and Budget. LM's success in achieving this designation included meeting numerous program-specific performance measures and a \$15,000,000 reduction in the cost of Federal staff over a five-year period.
- LM assured the continuity of pensions and post-retirement benefits for over 10,000 former contract workers following site closures and contract transitions. Under LM oversight, the pension plan assets have increased and the volatility has been reduced through a more conservative investment approach.
- DOE has strengthened its environmental justice activities. DOE sponsored the first annual State of Environmental Justice in America Conference in March 2007 and released a new strategic plan for environmental justice in 2008. LM also expanded DOE's environmental justice activities to include Native Americans in the Southwest in 2008.



- LM increased access to uranium and vanadium deposits by expanding DOE's uranium leasing program to 31 active leases using a Web-based competitive bidding process. The new lease arrangements are projected to increase revenue to the Federal Government by as much as \$10,000,000 per year while ensuring adequate funding for future mine reclamation activities.
- In August 2008, LM opened the 1,050-acre Fernald Preserve (a former uranium-processing facility) in Ohio and the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center to the public. The Visitors Center, an educational and outreach facility, was certified as "platinum" under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) requirements.
- LM provided public access to documents and information contained in over 100,000 cubic feet of records. In FY 2007 alone, LM responded to over 3,500 requests associated with the Energy Employee Occupational Illness and Compensation Program Act, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and other inquiries.
- In October 2008, LM joined with the General Services Administration to break ground on the LM Business Center, a "silver" LEED-rated facility in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Business Center will house LM's records collection, the Consolidated Data Center, and LM Federal and contractor employees working at the Morgantown site.

As a high performing organization, LM is well on its way to meeting the goal that was established at its inception—providing a long-term sustainable solution to the management of DOE's Cold War legacy.

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